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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas K. Latimer
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Chinese Periodicals

1. One effect of the Cultural Revolution was a major contraction in the number of Chinese publications being printed and even greater restriction in the number available outside the Mainland. This situation has not changed since the Cultural Revolution subsided.

2. As you know, the intelligence community derives a great deal from Communist publications and the Central Reference Service is the main community broker on this account. Where China is concerned we are definitely hurting for news from the provincial levels.

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3. Harry Eisenbeiss has prepared two lists on the chance someone would be willing to try acquiring publications for us. List number one shows the newspapers and periodicals we now receive; list number two includes the ones we are really after. Even a one-time acquisition of some of these provincial dailies would be welcome.

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4. CRS also would welcome such things as telephone books, diplomatic and foreign office lists, scientific and technical works and new dictionaries. In short, we would be happy to have almost anything anyone could pick up. Naturally the Agency would reimburse the buyer.

5. We all realize it may not be possible or desirable to perform this mission but any help would be appreciated.

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